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# State Water Resources Control Board

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## TANK TESTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Licensed tank testers are responsible for compliance with California laws, rules and regulations governing your profession. Below are some specific requirements you must meet to conduct your business in a lawful manner.

- If you allow your license to expire, you may not perform tank tests. You may reinstate your license within three years of expiration by filing a renewal and reinstatement application and paying the renewal and reinstatement fees (\$600 for renewal plus \$200 for reinstatement). After three years you may not reinstate your license. You would have to reapply in the same manner as you did for the original license. This includes meeting the current qualifications, paying the fees, and taking the examination.
- You must notify the Office of Tank Tester Licensing (OTTL) within 30 days of any change of your business or residence address.
- If you have tank tester employees under your direct and personal supervision, you are responsible for their actions while they are performing tank tests. You may be held accountable to OTTL for any violations under your supervision.
- You must maintain records for three years and those records must be available for inspection and/or submitted to OTTL upon request. The records must contain the following:
  - ⇒ name, address, and telephone number of the tank owner or operator of any tanks you test and the dates you performed the services.
  - ⇒ all information, data collected and reports prepared in the course of performing service as a tank tester, including but not limited to raw data, calculations, and reports.
  - ⇒ a list of all individuals working under your direct and personal supervision including the dates they worked.
- You may not use any tank test method or equipment, which is demonstrated to be unsafe or unreliable or is not listed in LG 113.
- You may not use deception or fraud in the course of doing business as a tank tester and you must not engage in unfair business practices.



- You must use reasonable care and good judgement while performing tank tests.
- You must maintain competence in the procedures and equipment you use.
- You must use you license number, business name, and address in advertising (yellow pages, newspaper, business cards, etc.).
- You may not participate in unlicensed activity by loaning, renting, selling, giving, or in any way assigning your license to another person.
- You must have in your possession a valid tank tester license. This license must be shown upon request to tank owners or operators, OTTL staff or their agents, or any state or local official.
- You must not misread or misinterpret results of tank tests or in any way fabricate test results.
- Before using any equipment or test method, you must have completed the manufacturer's training in that method or equipment and you must send a copy of your training certificate to OTTL.
- If your license is lost, stolen, or destroyed, you must apply for a duplicate immediately. Send a written statement describing the loss, theft, or destruction, one full-face, 1" x 1" color photograph, and a replacement fee of \$10 to OTTL at the address below:

Office of Tank Tester Licensing  
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If you have any questions regarding this information, please write to OTTL at the address above or call Michael Sahlin at (916) 341-5864.

